

On-line BenefitsCheckUp

Do you ever wonder if you are entitled to government benefits that you are not currently receiving? If so, you are not alone and now there is an easy way to determine if you may be eligible for some of the state and federal benefits programs. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has created a web site – www.benefitscheckup.org – that will walk you through a screening process to determine your eligibility for public benefits. NCOA has worked with state and federal authorities to collect relevant eligibility criteria for many programs.

In order to complete the BenefitsCheckUp on-line¹, you will need the following information on yourself and your spouse, if applicable:

- Date(s) of birth
- State and ZIP code
- Type of residence (house, apartment, etc)
- Length of time in residence
- Veteran status
- Employment history
- Current income & assets from all sources for everyone in your household
- Estimates of current expenses (mortgage/rent, utilities, medical expenses, etc)

If you do not have access to the internet, or would like assistance in completing a BenefitsCheckUp, you make an appointment with Kathy Laufer or Meghan Kennedy at the Newton Senior Center by calling (617) 796-1660.

¹ NCOA maintains a secure web site for the BenefitsCheckUp program.